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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Remarks

1. In response to communications files on 21-July-2005, claims 1-2, 10, and 13 are amended per applicant's request. Therefore, claims 1-13 are presently pending in the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Levitt (U.S. publication 2002/0151327).

As to claim 1, Levitt teaches a system for provisioning electronic field guides

(see page 1, paragraph 2) comprising:

a portable computing device having (see page 1, paragraph 2);

a visual display (see abstract; figure 4D; page 3, paragraph 20; and

page 4, paragraph 30);

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an end user input interface (see abstract; page 1, paragraph 5; and page 3, paragraph 20);

and

a memory (see page 16, paragraph 290);

a stationary computer (see page 2, paragraph 11) having:

a visual display (see page 3, paragraph 18);

an end user input interface (see figure 1a “desktop setup interface”); and

a memory (see page 2, paragraph 11);

means for interconnecting the stationary computer and the portable computing device

(see page 2, paragraphs 11 and 13 and page 3, paragraph 318);

the stationary computer (see page 2, paragraph 11) being operable to:

present multiple data items to an end user (see abstract and page 3, paragraph 18 and 20); and

respond to the selection of particular ones of the multiple data items by the end user (see page 1, paragraph 7 and page 3, paragraph 24), by:

downloading multimedia data files corresponding to the particular ones of the multiple data items, to the portable computing device via the means for interconnecting (see page 2, paragraph 11; page 4, paragraph 26; and page 6, paragraph 73); and

the portable computing device (see page 1, paragraph 2) being operable to:

present a listing of the downloaded multiple data items (see page 3, paragraph 20); and

respond to the selection of one of the downloaded multiple data items by playing the corresponding multimedia data file on the portable computing device(see paragraphs 19, 20 and 86).

As to claim 2, Levitt teaches a method for provisioning electronic field guides (see page 1, paragraph 2) comprising the steps of:

presenting multiple data items to an end user, via a display of a stationary computer (see abstract; page 2, paragraph 11; and page 3, paragraphs 18 and 20); and

responding to the selection of particular ones of the multiple data items by the user (see page 1, paragraph 7 and page 3, paragraph 24), by:

downloading multimedia data files corresponding to the particular ones of the multiple data items, to a portable computing device (see page 2, paragraph 11; page 4, paragraph 26; and page 6, paragraph 73);

whereby the portable computing device operable to play the multimedia content on the portable computing device to the end user in the field (see abstract and paragraphs 17, 19 and 20).

As to claim 3, Levitt teaches the method which the multimedia content includes images and text, whereby images can be viewed on the portable computing device (see figure 4D and page 14, paragraph 263).

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As to claim 4, Levitt teaches the method which the multimedia content includes audio files, whereby sounds may be reproduced on the portable computing device (see abstract and page 3, paragraph 22).

As to claim 5, Levitt teaches the method which the stationary computer is a personal computer (see page 2, paragraph 11).

As to claim 6, Levitt teaches the method which the stationary computer is an information kiosk providing the content in exchange for some form of payment (see page 7, paragraph 96).

As to claim 7, Levitt teaches the method which the multimedia data files are stored on a CD-rom (see page 3, paragraph 22; page 5, paragraph 69; and page 16, paragraph 293).

As to claim 8, Levitt teaches the method which updates to the multimedia data files are accessed over an Internet network (see figure 1a, character 26 and page 2, paragraph 10).

As to claim 9, Levitt teaches the method which the multimedia data files are stored remotely from the stationary computer and are accessed over an Internet network (see figure 1a and page 2, paragraph 11).

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As to claim 10, Levitt teaches a portable electronic field guide (see page 1, paragraph 2) comprising:

display means on the portable electronic field guide for displaying a digital video or picture image (see abstract “handheld personal digital assistant” and, paragraphs 26, 125, 134 and 263);

speaker means for audibly reproducing a digital audio data file (see abstract and page 3, paragraph 22);

memory means for storing digital content to produce the digital image and the digital audio data (see page 2, paragraph 11 and page 16, paragraph 290);

communication means for downloading the digital content from a stationary computer (see page 2, paragraph 11), the digital content being selected from a more comprehensive database on the stationary computer (see page 2, paragraph 11); and

power supply means for powering the display means, speaker means, memory means and communication means (see figure 4D, character 154 and page 4, paragraph 42);

wherein the portable field guide is configured to play the digital video or picture image on the display means of the portable field guide (see paragraphs 6, 22, 125, 134, and 263).

As to claim 11, Levitt teaches the portable electronic field guide (see page 1, paragraph 2) further comprising:

processing means responsive to an instruction from an end user (see page 9, paragraph 139) by:

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accessing the digital content stored in the memory means (see abstract and page 7, paragraph 87); and

displaying the digital image corresponding to the digital content, on the display means (see page 3, paragraph 20; page 5, paragraph 69; and page 7, paragraph 86).

As to claim 12, Levitt teaches the portable electronic field guide (see page 1, paragraph 2) further comprising:

processing means responsive to an instruction from an end user (see page 9, paragraph 139) by:

accessing the digital content stored in the memory means (see abstract and page 7, paragraph 87); and

playing the digital audio data corresponding to the digital content, on the display means (see page 3, paragraph 20; page 5, paragraph 69; and page 7, paragraph 86).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Levitt (U.S. publication 2002/0151327) in view of Khoshnevis et al. (U.S. patent 6,487,012).

As to claim 13, Levitt teaches a portable electronic field guide watching (see paragraph 2), comprising:

a visual display on the portable electronic field guide configured to display a digital image (see abstract “handheld personal digital assistant” and, paragraphs 2, 6, and 26);

a speaker for audible reproducing a digital audio data file (see abstract and paragraph 22);

a memory configured to store digital content to produce the digital image and the digital audio data (see paragraphs 11 and 290);

a communication device configured to download the digital content from a stationary computer, the digital content being selected from a more comprehensive database on the stationary computer (see paragraph 11); and

power supply means for powering the display, speaker, memory, and communication device (see figure 4D, character 154 and paragraph 42);

wherein the portable field guide is configured to play the digital image and the digital audio data file on the portable field guide (see paragraphs 125, 134, and 263).

Levitt does not expressly show the data file of a bird.

Khoshnevis et al. teaches optically multiplexed hand-held digital binocular system (see abstract), in which he teaches a portable hand-held device for watching birds (see column 7, lines 32-56).

It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Levitt by the teaching of Khoshnevis et al., because a portable hand-held device for watching birds, would enable

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the user “For example, while bird watching an exotic bird is seen. It is conceivable the other channel can be uploading information from a library of exotic birds, so that a match can be made and the bird's identity would be known in real time”, (see Khoshnevis et al., column 7, lines 52-56).

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Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Belix M. Ortiz whose telephone number is 571-272-4081. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Rones can be reached on 571-272-4085. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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